From:

State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee

Subject: Submission opposing changes

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To who it may concern,

I am a current commercial fisherman, I have been involved in the industry since i was young helping my father than in family business so roughly 15 years.

For the entire time i have been involved in the industry i have not seen one plan, or change to help any fisherman.

Every time there is more money to spend and less area to fish in with more restrictions to do it. When is enough enough?

The amount of risk to go fishing to make a living has never been harder, We battle wind, rain and adverse conditions to do our job and as much as we always follow the rules to a tee, certain weather events could happen to make us not in within the rules. Its hard enough to do the right thing as it is, as getting a fine would render a night out a waste of time costing money hence why we always follow the rules. I'd like to see the ones the make and rules and manage the rules make a dollar in this industry.

You are bringing in more rules and more expense to an already crippled industry, and rules regarding the VMS that are not even trailed? I am getting letters weekly telling us do follow rules that haven't been trialed or tested or legislated. I know many fisherman who have ask questions in regards to the new changes being proposed that have not even been give the respect enough to have them answered? Yet im sure they are still receiving the same letters i have.

I dont want to live in a country where i couldn't go to a local fish and chip shop or even the local pub for dinner where we have no local seafood on the menu. OUR local salt water seafood is the best in the world, Why take it off everyday Australia's.

Thank you

Regards

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